

**Forest Service Tribal Relations: One Program  
with National and Local Components across the Agency**

**A Summary Program of Work**

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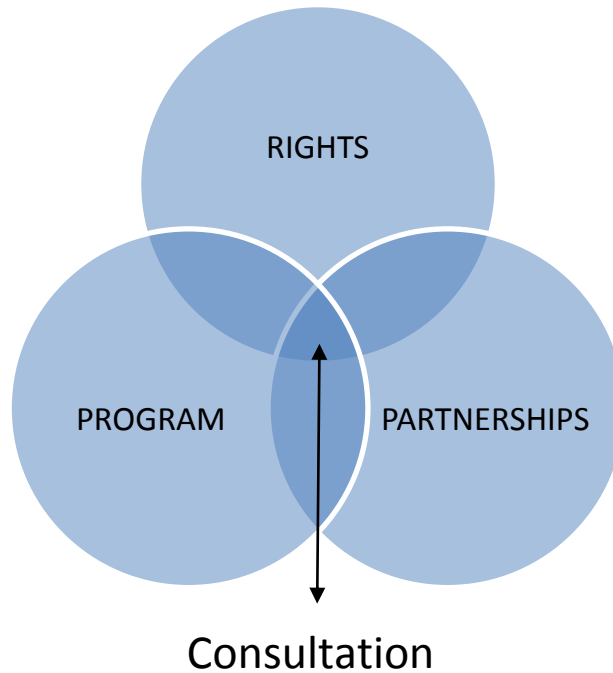
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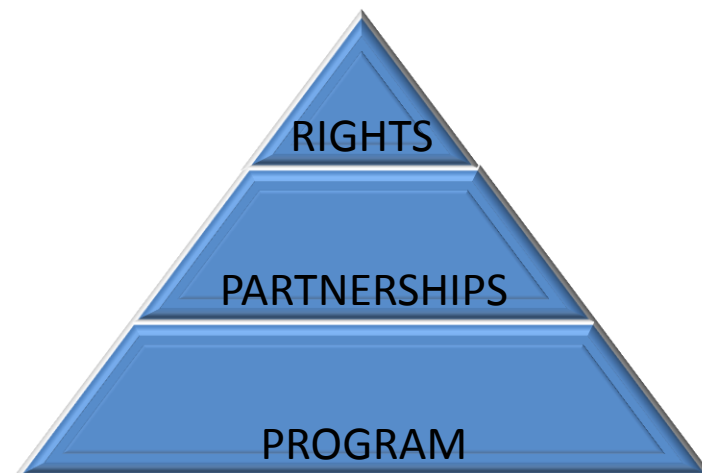
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The elements of the FS Tribal Relations Strategic Plan overlap and support each other.  
Tribal consultation is at the core of each element.

**OBJECTIVE:** *Provide the Bridge Between Agency Mission and Tribal Communities*

**OUTCOME:** *Healthier, More Resilient Communities, Ecosystems, and Economies*



Program Development establishes the capacity to develop internal and external partnerships that enhance the Agency's ability to honor and protect the rights of indigenous communities and individual Native Americans.

# American Indian and Alaska Native Rights

Ensure the agency redeems its trust responsibility and protects American Indian and Alaska Native reserved rights as they pertain to Forest Service programs, projects, and policies.

**Focus:** *Specific Tribes and Alaska Native Corporations*

**Focus:** *Legal responsibilities and practical opportunities*

- ✚ Treaties and other reserved rights with Federally Recognized Tribes
  - Treaty knowledge and analysis
  - Land cession analysis
  - Making information available to line and staff
- ✚ Consultation
  - Informing line and staff about responsibilities and opportunities
  - Developing and implementing processes, protocols, and agreements
  - Ensuring accountability through recordation, reporting, and responses
  - Coordinating/ Facilitating consultation efforts
- ✚ Policy
  - Review and evaluation of existing and emerging policy
  - Proposing new policy or helping to develop policy proposals
  - Ensuring Tribal engagement in policy development
  - Developing policy implementation Standards
- ✚ Legislated responsibilities with Alaska Native Corporations (emerging and in force)
- ✚ Outreach
  - Known partner Tribes
  - Potentially underserved or “unconnected” Tribes

# Partnerships

Leverage partnerships to maximize mutual success.

**Focus:** *Helping others help us and Tribes*

**Focus:** *Leveraging for better outcomes*

- ✚ Collaboration
  - Joint Projects
- ✚ Agreement
  - MOA, MOU, Etc.
- ✚ Grants
- ✚ Meetings
  - Tribal Councils and staffs
  - Intertribals
  - NGOs

- Businesses
- Other Tribally-benefiting agencies/programs

## Program Development

Promote integration and utility of the Tribal Relations Program throughout the agency.

***Focus: What we do***

***Focus: Becoming more effective***

- Advise
  - Process
  - Issue management
- Assist
  - Process implementation
  - Projects
- Coordinate /Facilitate
  - Next – level TR personnel
  - Internal and external partners
- Evaluate
  - Keep and manage records; report upwards
  - Conduct program reviews
  - Use performance standards
- Demonstrate
  - Success Reporting; i.e. Tribal Relations Newsletter
  - Field trips
- Foster leadership support
- Outreach
  - Agency employment
  - Agency program delivery
- Strategically Plan
  - National TR Strategic plan for 2014-2017
  - Regional Strategic Plans and/or implementation plans
- Train
  - Indian law
  - Law enforcement
  - Building relationships with Tribes
  - Natural Resources
  - Cultural Resources
  - Policy development and implementation
- Tool
  - Web site, consultation database, etc.